

Perhaps, I could describe the term more clearly as „organic wastes from food industries utilizable as nutrients by sugary kefir cultures“.

„Propellant“: see above (Kulkarni)

**Chemically modifying:** A suggestion for a clearer formulation: The polymer or polymer mixture is modified by agents attacking one or more of the polysaccharide's OH-groups rendering the polymer more hydrophobic or interlinking compartments of the polymer according to the degree of modification. This step is carried out under conditions suitable for such a modification. A suitable agent for example could be the anhydride of acetic acid.

Dear Mrs. Warc, I hope that I could clarify the ambiguous passages in my patent. I cannot see that anyone of skill could have derived my invention from the existing literature. The only paper containing the phrases „sugary kefir“ and „drying“ you could find to support your thesis of „anyone of skill could have derived...“ is that of Pidoux et al. How large is – according to your estimates – the probability that I intentionally found this one paper among the billions of scientific papers and/or patents to subsequently derive my invention from it? Why did Pidoux et al. themselves did not describe anything really resembling my invention if anyone of skill could have derived the invention from it. Who could be more skilled than Pidoux et al. if it were that simple?

I would like to call you by phone in a few weeks to discuss a possible way with you that could lead to the US-Patent I desire.

Best regards,

Dr. Matthias Kleespies